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# Community *notes*

## Memorial Day Holiday

Howard County Government will observe Memorial Day with the following:

### Closed on Monday, May 30:

- County Government Offices
- Courts
- Animal Shelter
- Landfill and all trash and recycling services
- 50+ Centers
- Cedar Lane and Schooley Mill Activity Room
- Gary J. Arthur and North Laurel Community Centers
- County Historic Sites
- Kiwanis-Wallas Hall
- Meadowbrook Athletic Center
- Robinson Nature Center

### Open on Monday, May 30:

- County Parks
- Roger Carter Community Center
- RTA will operate on a "Sunday" Schedule



## Greeting

With Memorial Day approaching, many people are looking forward to the three-day weekend. It's a great time for fun, but more importantly, it's an opportunity to reflect on the service and sacrifice of our military families. Let's honor them this holiday weekend.

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### Other Services:

- No trash, recycling or yard trim pickup on Memorial Day.
- [Holiday slide schedule](#) applies for curbside collection
- All parking regulations and fees will be in effect on Memorial Day.
- The [Regional Transportation Agency](#) (RTA) will operate on a "Sunday" schedule. For more information, contact the RTA at 800-270-9553 or by [email](#).
- The 9-1-1 Center, Police and Fire departments remain staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For emergencies, call 9-1-1. For non-emergencies, please call 410-313-2200.



## Howard County Memorial Weekend Events

### Ladies Night Out: Sunset Hike & Campfire Social

Join other nature-loving gals on Saturday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the [Robinson Nature Center](#) at 6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia. Immerse yourself in the great outdoors. Enjoy an hour-long guided hike with the Center's naturalists. Learn about fascinating flora, fauna, and history. After the sun sets, settle down to a cozy campfire with s'mores and socializing. This event is for ages 18 years and up and [tickets](#) are \$10 per person.

### Mining at Clark's Elioak Farm

From Saturday, May 28 through Monday, May 30, visitors to the Farm at 10500 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City have the opportunity to try their hands at mining. Purchase a bucket of enriched ore and let the fun begin! Use the water flume to discover gems that you can take home. For more information, visit the Clark's Elioak Farm [website](#).

### Historic Ellicott City Walking Tour

Get ready to put on your most comfortable walking shoes and step back in time with the [Howard County Historical Society](#) to discover the intriguing stories behind the iconic landmarks of this nearly 250-year-old mill town. The tour begins at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 28 in the parking lot of the Mount Ida mansion (3691 Sarahs Lane, Ellicott City). Take a journey that follows in the footsteps of Ellicott City's founding fathers, visionary educators, railroaders, and more. This guided tour covers roughly three-quarters of a mile over hills and some rougher terrain so remember to bring your stamina as well as your passion for history! [Tickets](#) are \$10.00 per person. HCHS is available by [email](#) if you have any questions.

### Maryland FM Memorial Day Hamfest

The Maryland FM Association, Inc. proudly presents it's annual [Hamfest](#) on Sunday, May 29, 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Grounds (2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship). Enjoy the Amateur Radio Flea Market with that special ham radio enthusiast in your life. The hosts are asking for a suggested donation of \$6.00 per adult. For more information, please contact the Maryland F.M. Association by [email](#) or phone at 301-641-5313.

### Memorial Day Cookout at Roots Market

Head over to [Roots Market](#) at 5805 Clarksville Square Drive, Clarksville to sample their chef-prepared summer sides like coleslaw, potato salad, watermelon & more! Taste a selection of fresh-grilled plant based BBQ favorites & veggies on Monday, May 30, 12:00 —3:00 p.m.



## DC Memorial Weekend Events

If you are traveling outside of Howard County this weekend, there are other great opportunities to honor our military heroes. DC is the home of many longstanding Memorial Day traditions, allowing both residents and visitors alike to show their appreciation.

### The National Memorial Day Parade

The [National Memorial Day Parade](#) ushers marching bands, youth groups, floats, performers and, of course, veterans, down Constitution Avenue in DC. This televised parade is the largest of its kind in the U.S and honors those who have served in the U.S Military past and present. This year's parade is scheduled for Monday, May 30 at 2:00 p.m. Arrive early for the best viewing options.



### National Memorial Day Concert

PBS's [National Memorial Day Concert](#) salutes the sacrifice made by the men and women in uniform as well as their families. The free annual concert is held on the West Lawn of the [U.S. Capitol](#), on Sunday, May 29th, from 8:00—9:30 p.m. Celebrity participants include actors Gary Sinise and Joe Mantegna, Chef Robert Irvine, famed '90s band Smashing Pumpkins, Miss America and American Idol's Caleb Johnson.

### Stroll Down the National Mall

Tour the memorials on the [National Mall](#) dedicated to brave men and women who served in America's wars. Visit the magnificent [National World War II Memorial](#) and feel the splash from the effervescent fountain. Stop to pay your respects at the [Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#) and the [Korean War Veterans Memorial](#).

### Arlington National Cemetery

The grounds of Arlington National Cemetery honor those who gave their lives for our country. Each year in observance of Memorial Day, several events are open for public participation. Visit the [website](#) to learn more, plan your visit and to [reserve your place](#).

### Smithsonian Museum Hours

The [National Museum of Natural History](#) extends hours from 10:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on May 28-30, 2016. [The National Air and Space Museum](#) will begin late hours on Friday, May 27, remaining open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. through Labor Day.

## ARTreach Festival 2016



[ARTreach](#), a free community arts festival, returns to Long Reach Village Center in Columbia on Saturday, June 11, from 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. From world music to watercolor, there's something for everyone:

Enjoy live music by regional performing artists. Try hands-on arts activities and meet a variety of artists while they demonstrate their craft. Interact with performers, face painters, and more. And it's all free! For more information on this year's activities, consult the [ARTreach website](#). Want to help with the event? Volunteer opportunities and an online sign-up form are available [here](#).

## Southern Howard County Civic Association

The Southern Howard County Civic Association is holding a meeting on June 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Laurel Community Center (9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, North Laurel). Guest speakers include Mark DeLuca from the Bureau of Environmental Services, and Meagan Braganca of the Sierra Club. Questions can be directed to Bibi H. Perrotte-Foston at 240-786-5747.

## Fourth Annual Howard County STEM Festival

Howard County's Annual Celebration of [Science, Technology, Engineering and Math](#) is back on Sunday, June 5, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Howard Community College (6101 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia). At last year's exciting Festival, 2,000 people discovered how much fun STEM is. The festival is free of charge and open to all ages, so this is a great opportunity for the whole family to dig in and experience science in a new way. Presenters include the NASA, Science Cheerleaders, US Air Force, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Urban Video Game Association, Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, and Olney Theatre. You can expect demonstrations, discussions, activities, and giveaways.

## Human Rights Commission

The [Howard County Human Rights Commission](#) is currently accepting applications for the position of Student Commissioner to serve a one-year term from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 as a non-voting member on the Commission. The deadline for [applications](#) is Monday, June 6 at 5:00 p.m.

To be eligible for consideration, a candidate must be a student under the age of 18, a Howard County resident, have an interest in human/civil rights and be able to attend the Commission's meetings on the third Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The selected candidate will be sent to the County Executive for final approval, who will then submit his appointment to the County Council for confirmation. For more information, please contact the [Office of Human Rights](#) at 410-313-6430.

## Upcoming Events

The [24th Annual Capital Jazz Festival](#) is right around the corner. Hear an amazing lineup of powerhouse performers deliver smooth grooves and sweet riffs across two venues and three days. Join with throngs of fans from across the country to witness the likes of Will Downing, Brian Culbertson, Lalah Hathaway, The Isley Brothers, Marcus Miller, Fourplay, Toni Braxton, New Edition, Raul Midón, Jazzing Up The Elements, Take 6, and many more gracing the stage with their talents. Tickets are available through [Ticketfly](#), and more information is available from [Merriweather](#) at 410-715-5550.

### Capital Jazz Festival– Day One

**Merriweather Post Pavilion**

**Friday, June 3, 7:30—10:30 p.m.**

10475 Little Patuxent Parkway  
Columbia, MD 21044

### Capital Jazz Festival– Day One After Party

**Marriott BWI Airport Hotel**

**Friday, June 3, 11:00 p.m. — 2:00 a.m.**

1743 W Nursery Road  
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

### Capital Jazz Festival– Day Two

**Merriweather Post Pavilion**

**Saturday, June 4, Noon— 10:00 p.m.**

10475 Little Patuxent Parkway  
Columbia, MD 21044

### Capital Jazz Festival– Day Two After Party

**Marriott BWI Airport Hotel**

**Saturday, June 4, 10:30 p.m. — 3:00 a.m.**

1743 W Nursery Road  
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

### Capital Jazz Festival– Day Three

**Merriweather Post Pavilion**

**Sunday, June 5, Noon—10:00 p.m.**

10475 Little Patuxent Parkway  
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